

Caledonian Mercury

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INDIGO.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at the Marble Work, Leith, on Tuesday the 13th December, at one o'clock noon, A Quantity of FINE INDIGO, to be put up in lots, for the convenience of purchasers.

FRENCH APPLES.

A FRESH CARGO just arrived in fine order, in the Betty and Bell, Captain Allan, from France, and to be sold by WILLIAM KER and COMPANY, Shore of Leith; where may also be had the following articles, among many others: Dutch and English Butter. English Bacon. Anchovies in small barrels. Shetland Fish. Oranges, Lemons, &c.

DAVID SHEPPARD AND SON

HAVE just got a large Assortment of GREEN and BLACK TEAS, &c. which they are selling at the following Shop above the head of Strichen's Close.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, and Quantity. Includes teas like Good Hyson Green, Fine ditto, and various wines like Good Red Port, Fine Old Red Port, etc.

PREMIUMS FOR FLAX-RAISING.

THE Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and Improvements in Scotland, do hereby advertise, That they have determined the Gainers of the Premiums for the Raising of Flax and sowing of Seed, Crop One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four; and that they are as follow.

FIRST CLASS.

Being Premiums for Flax raised, at the rate of Thirteen Shillings Sterling; or (on the condition of weighing the Flax in the straw, before sending it to be sketched at the mill) Fifteen Shillings for every Scotch statute Acre, producing the required quantity, as specified in a former advertisement, dated the 15th March 1784.

AYR-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like John Orr, McCallum & Hendry, etc.

BANFF-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like John Ross, Alexander Milne, etc.

BERWICK-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like Angus McPherson, M'Bride and Inglis, etc.

DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like Andrew Lorrain, William Wilson, etc.

DUNBARTON-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like Robert Buchanan, James Gilchrist, etc.

EDINBURGH-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like John Muir, James Richardson, etc.

FORFAR-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like William Nicoll, Scott and Smith, etc.

MILNE and Renny

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like David Milne jun., Peter Hay, etc.

HADDINGTON-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like John Campbell, Thomas Hay, etc.

KINCARDINE-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like David Kinnear, Robert Pirie, etc.

KINROSS-SHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like John Greig, James Readie, etc.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT-STEWARTRY.

Table with 4 columns: GAINERS, FARMS, PARISHES, and PREMIUMS. Lists winners like Robert Kemp, Laghall, etc.

(The remainder of the Gainers in our next.) These Premiums will be paid at this Office, upon receipts in the following form, viz.

"Received by me (the Gainer's name and designation to be here inserted) from Robert Arbuthnot, Secretary to the Trustees for Manufactures, the sum of Sterling of premium, for flones of sketched Flax (or acres of ground, in the farm of parish of, and thire of In witness whereof, I have subscribed this receipt, at the day of, One thousand seven hundred and eighty years. (The subscription here.)"

* Every receipt for Two Pounds and upwards, must be wrote upon paper stamped, agreeable to act of Parliament. N. B. It is to be observed, that all those who did not transmit affidavits of their produce, previous to the 1st of October last, the time limited by the Board's former advertisement for receiving them, are precluded from the premium.



From the London Papers, Dec. 8.

Hague, Nov. 25.

His Excellency Sir James Harris, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of London; has had a conference with the President of the States-General, to whom he delivered the following memorial:

"High and Mighty Lords,

"THE King cannot but express the most sincere wish, that the means pursued by your High Mightinesses to conciliate the differences with the Emperor, may secure a peace upon a lasting and permanent basis between the two powers.

"His Majesty takes with pleasure this opportunity, amidst the public tranquillity, to renew to your High Mightinesses the strongest assurances of those sentiments of friendship and good-will towards the Republic, which ever animated his Majesty, as well as all the British nation.

"Such sentiments are equally founded on the remembrance of the essential assistance which the two countries have formerly mutually afforded to each other, in order to secure their liberty, independence, and religious worship, as on the natural and permanent interest which ought at all times to incline both nations to the most perfect friendship.

"In fact, whether we attend to the evils, which, from the local situation of the two countries, must unavoidably, and in a very peculiar manner, affect them during a war, to the great prejudice of their dearest concerns, both in political and commercial matters, to the different parts of the world; or whether due attention be paid to the solidity which a good understanding between the two powers might give to their respective settlements, to trade, and to the preservation of a general peace, it will clearly appear, that prudence and sound policy must incline them to a closer union.

"Yet if your High Mightinesses are of opinion, that, on account of the civil dissensions, which for some time have unfortunately prevailed within the Republic, to his Majesty's great concern, the present time is ill-suited to the settling of the mutual interests of both nations, an object ever present to his Majesty, it is hoped, at least, that your High Mightinesses, after such assurances from the King, and all his Majesty's friendly dispositions, the Republic will think it suitable to your wonted wisdom not to be drawn in to accept of any engagements which might at any time betray you into a system contrary to that rectitude which hath ever guided his Majesty, or by making you swerve from the solid basis of an independent neutrality, raise insuperable obstacles to the renewal of an alliance between the two powers, when time and circumstances may present it to your High Mightinesses as a matter of necessity and mutual convenience.

"It is by the express command of his Majesty, that the undersigned has the honour of suggesting to your High Mightinesses those reflections so salutary in their object, trusting that you will pay to them that attention which the importance of the matter requires.

L O N D O N, Dec. 8.

Tuesday night the Prince of Wales supped with Mr Adams the American Plenipotentiary, at his house in Grosvenor-square.

The Right Hon. William Eden has accepted from Mr Chancellor Pitt, of the office of a Commissioner for settling the Commercial Treaty with the Court of France. He is to have full power, and an establishment equal to that of an ambassador, viz. 6000 l. a year, without the necessary expence. Britain than this gentleman, and with the relative interests of our neighbouring kingdoms.

A negotiation has been a long time going on at Madrid, and which, for want of a proper resident at the Spanish capital, has but lately come to the knowledge of Government. The matter is briefly as follows:—At the peace, East Florida was ceded to Spain; the French never once hinted a design of getting footing on the North American Continent, till after the treaty was fully confirmed and ratified, even to the Spaniards themselves; nor was it till on the late evacuation of that province by the British settlers, that they discovered their designs. A request was, however, hereon made to the Catholic King, that the subjects of France might be permitted to become purchasers of estates on the evacuation thereof, with the privileges of Spanish subjects. The Court of Madrid complied, and such was the diligence of the French to promote this scheme, that the French have been the only purchasers. To close the whole, France has now professedly made a proposal of purchasing East Florida of the Catholic King for an equivalent, and the business is now on the anvil, and likely to be shortly completed. Thus is France likely to get a footing very near her new allies, the American States; which of all her political intrigues may at no very distant period be highly fatal to this country, not only in respect to trade, but to such of our possessions which lie near that part of the Continent.

An overland packet is received at the India-House from Bombay. No other particulars have yet transpired, than that Lord Macartney, on the arrival of the Fox packet, resigned the Government of Fort St George, and proceeded to Bengal, in order to take his passage from thence to England. Mr Davidson, as next of Council, took charge of the government. This change took place early in June. As Lord Macartney must receive the news of his late appointment to the Governor General, long before it will be in his power to quit Bengal, there can be little doubt of the public reaping the fruits of his Lordship's very great abilities and integrity in so important a station, should his health permit. We are happy to acquaint our readers of the safe arrival of the Fox, Cygnet, Belmont, and Houghton, at Madras, and King George at Bombay.

From Malta we are informed, that a small squadron, consisting of four Tunisian galleys, had attempted to make a descent in the Red Island, near that of Sardinia. Luckily their manœuvres being detected from Cagliary, three Maltese galleys then in the harbour weighed anchor, and failed in search of the pirates. They soon came up with them, offered them battle, which was readily accepted by the rovers, who felt bold from their superiority in numbers, and weight of metal. The Tunisian Commodore furiously attacked the smallest of the three galleys, whilst the two other Maltese found business enough to maintain the action against the three Tunisians. Their Chief had entirely disabled the small galley, when its Commander, Captain Pietro, resolved to board the enemy, or perish in the attempt. Five times did the grapple miss its aim, the sixth proved more fortunate, and the Tunisian was boarded, when a dreadful slaughter ensued. At last, after a desperate action, which lasted near three hours, victory declared in favour of the Maltese. One of the enemy's galleys found means to escape, the other three were brought into Cagliary,

where *Te Deum* was sung with great solemnity. The number of men on board the captured galleys amounted to 220, of whom 52 were killed, and 32 wounded. The Maltese lost only six men, and five were sent to the hospital, to get cured of their wounds.

By letters from Moniedo, the ancient Saguntum, a small town in the kingdom of Valencia, we learn, that Don Henry de Silos, one of the Magistrates of that city, had prevailed upon his fellow-citizens to clear an ancient Roman Theatre which was still standing in that town, and to make use of it for the celebration of their annual festival, which is held in the month of September. This public-spirited project was so successfully executed, that four Spanish pieces were exhibited on the same Theatre that the comedies of Terence and Plautus had been performed on. An antiquarian had calculated that the Theatre of Saguntum was capable of containing ten thousand people, and his calculation has been proved to be right, as it was not half filled by four thousand spectators, who were present at these last performances. It is remarkable, that the persons placed on the upper portico, which is at the greatest distance from the stage, heard the actors as distinctly as those who were in the orchestra. The restoration of this monument of antiquity, which is upwards of two thousand years old, was a noble thought, and its success sets our modern small, inconvenient, and awkward theatres, in a very contemptible light.

The Council which was held at St James's yesterday, is said to be on the business of the two culprits who are now in custody of the police of France for the robbery of Mr Mackay, of Piccadilly: the one being a man, and having committed an outrage which has caused him to be condemned by the laws of France, the other a woman, who is charged with complicity in the crime; but the laws of France, it is expected, will be required to be sent under custody to England, to be tried by the laws of her country for the crime with which she is charged.

On Tuesday night his Majesty's pardon was received at Newgate for the unfortunate Captain Mackenzie, who has been confined in that goal near two years, in consequence of which he was immediately discharged.

There is in Berlin, and in every considerable town in the Prussian dominions, a certain edifice, properly furnished, and properly attended, to which every unmarried woman, who has the misfortune of being with child, may repair, before her shame becomes public. The utmost secrecy is observed; the patient is treated with every possible care and indulgence; and a month after her lying-in, is discharged with a present of fifty crowns, if she has a son, and ten crowns if she has a daughter. These establishments undoubtedly give encouragement to illicit amours; but that evil is more than compensated, inasmuch as all temptation to the murder of illegitimate children is removed.

Tuesday night died at her house at Twickenham, that celebrated, and we may say without invidious comparison, that imitable comedian, Mrs Clive. She has left behind her a sister and one brother, Mr Rastor, who for some years appeared on the same stage.

The following men of war are ordered to be rebuilt in the King's yards in rotation, as there are vacancies: Ajax, 74 guns, lately made a hulk at Sheerness. Tyger, 74, broke up since the peace. Temeraire, 74, ditto, at Portsmouth. Torbay, 74, fold since the peace. Burford, 64, ditto. Bellisle, 64, ditto. Mars, 64, ditto. Dragon, 64, ditto.

Extract of a letter from Bombay, Aug. 1.

"The *Chatterfield* was at Batavia in February unloading and preparing to leave down. The *Alfred* and Royal Admiral have been dispatched to Canton. The Lord Camden arrived at Anjengo from Bengal the 11th of March, and failed next day for Mocha."

Extract of a letter from Paris, Nov. 30.

"Our Ministry is still busied in settling of some particular business with foreign powers, as is evident from the frequent meetings between them and the foreign envoys. Mr Crawford, the English Consul, has not missed a day from conferring with the minister for foreign affairs for some weeks. The Comte D'Adhemar is now here, perfectly recovered of his late illness."

COMMON PLEAS.

BURGESS against WM. ADDINGTON, Esq;

It appeared that the plaintiff was a reputable publican, who having been applied to by one Wagg a seaman, to lend him money for the purpose of taking out administration to a will, he went with Wagg to the office of Mr Jones, in Doctor's Commons, for that purpose.

That it being discovered soon afterwards that the will was forged, Burgess and Wagg were both brought on Saturday evening, in November last, to the Public Office in Bow-street, where the defendant Addington was sitting as a Justice of Peace, and by him committed to New Prison on suspicion of forgery, with orders that he should be brought up on the Thursday following for further examination. During these five days confinement, the plaintiff was heavily ironed, and the Justice refused to take bail, or to enquire into the truth of the accusation from Mr Jones, to whom the plaintiff had referred him; but on the Thursday Mr Jones having been examined, his testimony fully exculpated the plaintiff, who was bound over to prosecute Wagg.

It appeared by the evidence of the clerk to the Justice's office, that the plaintiff had been committed on suspicion, on the oath of two persons, but without any previous examination; which proceeding being censured by Lord Loughborough, the clerk attempted to justify the Magistrate's conduct, by observing it was the usual practice to commit for further examination, owing to the deal of business which the Justices had to transact.

Lord Loughborough appeared highly offended at the counsel for the defendant taking up this practice as a ground of justification. His Lordship said, the law would not endure such practice; and observed, this was the second time the proceedings of the Bow-street Justices had come before the Court. It was an abominable practice, when men were taken up only upon suspicion, to commit them to goal and load them with irons, and this before any evidence was given against them. Here the commitment stated no offence, but a suspicion of an offence; and a man was thrown into a goal for five days, for the purpose of further examination, because the Magistrate had not time to do justice. It was a mode of proceeding pregnant with all the evils of an *ex post facto* law; the constitution abhorred it, and from him it should ever meet with reprobation.

His Lordship said, he well knew the abominable purposes to which such proceedings might be perverted. No man was safe if Justices were permitted to keep back evidence offered

on the part of the accused. It was not in his power to punish the Justice, that authority lay with another Court; but he would not allow such a defence to be set up before him as a legal one. The commitment, his Lordship observed, stated a lie; for though there had been an accusation upon suspicion, there had been no information taken upon oath.

Men, he said, who had not time to do justice, should not dare to act as Magistrates. This man should not be permitted to act. The liberty of the subject was in question. It was a practice from which more evil must result, than could be cured even by the suppression of offences. The purpose of committing for further examination was clearly to encrease the business of the office, at the expence of men's characters, and every valuable privilege and consideration; but in his situation he could only reprobate it as every Judge ought.

Mr Recorder spoke most ably in reply to Serjeant Walker, expatiating and illustrating the constitutional doctrine laid down by the learned Judge; and the Jury gave the plaintiff three hundred pounds damages, with full costs of suit.

PRICE OF STOCKS, Dec. 7.

Bank Stock, 139½.
5 per cent. Ann. 84.
4 per cent. Ann. 177½, 87½.
3 per cent. con. 69½ a 70.
3 per cent. red. 69.
3 per cent. 172½.
Long Ann. 21 a 2½.
Short Ann. 177½, 13½ a 14.
South Sea Stock, —
3 per cent. Old Ann. 67½ a 7.
Ditto New Ann. —

Ditto 175½, —
India Stock, —
3 per cent. Ann. —
India Bonds paid, —
Ditto unpaid, 40 prem.
Navy Bills, 24 disc.
Exch. Bills, —
Lottery Tickets, 191 l. 18 s. 6 d.

WIND AT DEAL,
Dec. 7, S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 8.

"The minister, whose great aim has been to secure the landed interest, or what is now better understood in parliamentary language, the *Country Gentlemen*, by putting public credit upon the best foundation, seems to have at length a plan for that purpose, which is said to have been given him by his noble relation, Lord Camelford. The plan is, to connect 15 millions of the three per cent. consolidated transferable annuities to 25 millions of annuities for life, and to grant additional interest for life, from three to five per cent. according to the ages of the subscribers. This measure, however, though a very eligible one upon the face of it, will undoubtedly meet with much opposition. It certainly is liable to many objections; and politicians already talk of many other methods, which they think would be preferable to it. At any rate, something must be done. Our funded debt is 250 millions, and our unfunded debt will amount to 38 millions, without the bottom of the war expences being wound up; besides nine millions navy bills, and other debts, that will make the whole amount to the enormous sum of two hundred and ninety millions! The yearly interest of this will take 14 millions to discharge, and our national estate, including male and land tax, and the whole of the sinking fund, amounts only to little more than 13 millions; so that there will remain a very considerable sum to be provided annually, to make good the interest. Dr Price sets forth, that by laying by a million annually, and applying it to pay off a part of the national debt, provided the three per cents are changed to four per cents, 267 millions might be paid off in 60 years. Baron Mazeret, another calculator of equal reputation, also says, that if the plan of laying by a million a year should be adopted and pursued for twenty years, and the country be then obliged to deficit therefrom, the 20 millions, with the money provided to pay the interest of that part of the national debt that should be paid off from time to time, appropriated to the same purpose, would, in 57 years, discharge the greatest part of the debt. Mr Sinclair, too, has very clearly and sensibly shewn, in his book, what might be done by putting in practice such a scheme. This is a subject that much engages the public attention here, and is alike interesting to every part of Great Britain.

"A cabinet-council is summoned for to-morrow morning, at which the Duke of Dorset is to attend, on the subject of the commercial treaty with France.

"There was a remarkable bustle this day at the Stock Exchange, owing to the three per cent. consols being shut, in order to make up the accounts for the Christmas dividend, and which took place at one o'clock. They will be opened again on the 26th of January; and it is thought, that those persons who have sold out most of their stock, will then regret their having done it."

Mrs Elizabeth Fyets, widow of Mr Walter Peter, late of Chappell, died at her house in Canongate on Friday last.

On the 9th current, Captain John Frazer, of St Andrew's, died at Arbroath, where he had been on a visit to his friends. It is hoped this will be accepted as a sufficient notification of his death.

On Friday the 9th instant, died at his seat of Carfin, near Hamilton, in an advanced age, Archibald Nisbet, Esq; It is hoped his relations and friends will accept of this notification of his death.

The Rev. William Leechman, D. D. Principal of the College of Glasgow, whose death was mentioned in our paper of Wednesday was born in the parish of Dolphington, in Lanarkshire, in the year 1706, ordained a minister of the gospel at Beith in 1736, elected Professor of Divinity by the University in 1743, and presented by the King to the office of Principal in 1761. In the several stations which he occupied, during a long, laborious, and useful life, he thought and acted with the liberality and candour which are inseparable from an enlightened and elevated mind. His learning, especially in Theology and Ethics, and in the sciences connected with them, was extensive; and his enquiries after valuable knowledge were prosecuted with unremitting ardour, even in the last period of his life. His taste was elegant, and had been early formed by a diligent attention to the writings of the best poets, historians, and philosophers of antiquity. Animated with the spirit of true and rational religion, and familiarly acquainted with its principles, he explained and enforced its doctrines and precepts, both in the theological chair and in the pulpit, with a nervous and commanding eloquence. His publications were few, but they were generally known and admired, and will remain lasting monuments of a devout and benevolent heart, as well as of an enlarged and highly-cultivated understanding. The numerous scholars trained up under his care, many of whom are at present an ornament to literature and religion, are the most honourable testimony to the utility of his labours. During the declining period of his life, when attacked by many bodily disorders, his soul, in the full possession of its faculties, retained its former vigour; and, rejoicing in the hopes presented by the gospel, rose above affliction with invincible magnanimity, and

looked forward to the approaching day of dissolution, not merely with resignation, but with triumph. In the society over which he presided he was loved and revered. The loss which that society has sustained by the death of so eminent a person, whose unwearied study and constant delight it has been, for more than forty years, to promote its most valuable interests, will be long and sincerely regretted.

The Leith Packet, which failed from Leith for London on Thursday last, is put back by contrary winds to St Margaret's Hope, all well.

The Neptune, Cowan, is arrived at Borrowstonnachs from Dantzic.

This day, the High Court of Justiciary met, and adjourned the trial of Alexander Veitch and James Wilmore, accused of repeated acts of housebreaking and theft, till Thursday next at one o'clock. These culprits have presented a petition for bailment, the prayer of which, it is expected, will that day be granted.

Donald Ferguson, son of John Ferguson, late day-labourer in Edinburgh, James Maclellan, son of Alexander Maclellan fawer of timber, Andrew Baxter, son of Andrew Baxter shoe-maker in Portsburgh, and Jean Lothian or Loudon, spouse of Alexander Leitch broker in Edinburgh, have all been committed to the tolbooth, by warrant of the Sheriff, on suspicion of stealing a variety of men and women's wearing apparel from a green in the bottom of Allan's Close, in the evening of Thursday last.

The following new species of robbery was practised upon an undertaker in Leeds, on Wednesday se'ennight.—A man went to give orders for a grave, and at the same time said he should want two hoods and scarfs, which were immediately given to him; but the corpse not being carried for interment at the time mentioned, enquiry was made; and the undertaker found himself taken in for his funeral trappings, no such person being to be found as the supposed deceased, nor any intelligence procured of his ingenious emissary.

On the 17th ult. died at Darenham, in Norfolk, one John Croker, a husbandman, servant to Mr Buller, of that place. For these ten years past he has been afflicted with a disorder, for which none of the Gentlemen of the Faculty thereabouts have been able to account. About the time above-mentioned his urine was observed to contain a quantity of salt, which constantly settled at the bottom of the vessel he made use of, which circumstance has continued ever since. An eminent physician, at Norwich computes that in the time he has been afflicted with this strange disorder, he has voided no less than 244 lib. of salt. On opening the body, which was done by a celebrated surgeon of Darenham aforesaid, the bladder was found to contain near 12 oz.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Montreal to his friend at Edinburgh, dated Oct. 20. 1785.

"On Friday and Saturday last, the sky was unusually obscure, from a seeming thick fog high up in the atmosphere. On Sunday the 16th, the fog seemed somewhat thinner, and at intervals the sun appeared of a fiery copper colour. About a quarter past two o'clock, P. M. the air became very black, and five minutes afterwards, totally dark. It was much darker than I have ever known it to be at midnight, so much so that people ran against one another in the streets. In this interval, nothing could be more dreadful. Nature became shockingly deformed; the brutes and domestic animals seemed to feel and partake of the general consternation that had seized the human race. Any description I can give you would be far inadequate to the horror of the scene, and fall infinitely short of the dread that occupied the minds of all ranks of people. The rain that fell was of a strong sulphureous smell, and when the weather cleared up, it seemed black as ink. At 42 minutes past two o'clock it became somewhat lighter, and continued so about five minutes, when the darkness returned as before, but lasted only twelve minutes, when it gradually dissipated without any remarkable occurrence. It thundered, but not remarkably; it did not blow hard, nor did it rain much. In short, never was there a more awful hour since the world had a beginning, nor was there a person but supposed its end at hand. As for myself, I must say, that I thought it impossible that such a tremendous appearance could have been dispelled without some violent convulsion of the elements; and was more surprised at that circumstance than at the great darkness itself. The same occurrence happened at Quebec; there it was of longer duration, and the thunder which attended it louder. No accident or calamity took place, so far as I have yet learned. Whatever natural cause philosophers may assign for such a phenomenon, it ought not, in my opinion, to efface from the memory of man the awful impression with which it struck them; and it ought to be a lasting monitor of the grandeur and power of the Lord of the universe, and a convincing proof of his goodness and clemency."

A letter to a gentleman in Edinburgh from St John's, in Canada, dated the 17th of October, mentions, that about 3 o'clock afternoon of the day preceding, it began to grow dark, and in ten minutes it was not possible to see any object at the smallest distance. This lasted about twenty minutes, then cleared a little, but the darkness returned three different times, until about five o'clock, when it came on again about an hour, with a good deal of thunder and lightning.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, Dec. 6. Cochran, Dron, from St Ubes, with salt; Friends, M'Pherson, from Waterford, with meal; Mary, Bee, from ditto, with ditto; Peggy, Black, from Conway, with timber; Nancy, Stevenson, from Liverpool, in ballast.—7. Ann, Sutherland, from Oporto, with salt, &c.; Elliot, Ward, from Liverpool, with goods; Hopewell, Gray, from ditto, with ditto. Sailed, Dec. 8. Helena, Campbell, for Sligo, with goods.—9. Nelson, and Peggy, McIntyre, for Orlend, with tobacco; Hope, Barclay, for St Kitt's, with goods; Home, Paterfon, for Grenada, ditto.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, Dec. 9.			
	Best.	Second.	Third.
Wheat,	20 s. 3d.	19 s. 0 d.	17 0d.
Barley,	16 0	15 0	14 0
Oats,	12 0	11 0	10 0
Pease,	12 6	11 0	10 6

LOST last night on the New Bridge, A RED CORNELIAN SEAL set in Gold, and part of a GOLD CHAIN.—Engraved on the seal, a crest motto.—Whoever brings the same to P. Matkie jeweller, Parliament Square, will be handsomely rewarded.

LANDED INTEREST. THE DELEGATES from the different Counties in Scotland respecting the Distillery and Landed Interest in general, are requested to meet in the Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Friday next the 16th December, at two o'clock afternoon, when matters respecting the Distillery, and the general interest of Scotland will be laid before the Meeting.

This day is published, By CHARLES ELLIOT, Parliament-Square, in two Volumes 8vo. price 10 s. in boards. Plain Sermons on Practical Subjects, Adapted to different characters. By the late Rev. THOMAS GORDON, Minister of the Gospel at Spelmouth near Elgin.

To which is prefixed, An Account of this Author, by JAMES BRATTIE, LL. D. of the University of Aberdeen.

A few copies are printed on a coarser paper, price 8 s. in boards. Of C. ELLIOT may be had, this day published.

I. DISCOURSES on several evangelical subjects, tending to illustrate the influence of the doctrines of grace upon holiness in heart and life, by the Rev. John Spence, minister of Otwell, the second edition in 8vo. price 4 s. in boards.

II. SERMONS, by the late Rev. Robert Walker of Edinburgh; with an account of the author, by Hugh Blair D. D. his Colleague; 3 vols. 8vo. price 18 s. bound.

III. SERMONS, by the late Rev. George Carr, fifth edition, with a head of the author, 2 vols. 8vo. 10 s. bound.

IV. SERMONS, by the Rev. John Steele at Stair, one vol. 8vo. price 5 s. bound.

V. SERMONS, by the Rev. Samuel Walker of Truro, 2 vols. 8vo. price 12 s. bound.

VI. SMITH'S VIEW OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT, 8vo. price 5 s. bound.

MR STRIDWICK begs leave to acquaint the Nobility, Gentry, and Public in general, that he has got a large and fresh assortment now just arrived from London, which will be sold off with the remaining part of his valuable stock, amongst which are 400 dozen of broad 8 d. ribbon, as low as 5 s. per yard; a large quantity of lace and edging as low as 3 d. per yard, and from that to 20 s. and 50 pieces of yard wide bordered jaconet muslin handkerchiefs, 40 s. as 20 d. each, 50 pieces of superfine wire muslin handkerchiefs as low as 4 s. 6 d. each, 50 pieces of superfine striped yard and half wide India mullin, suitable for ladies gowns, or morning aprons, as low as 3 s. 3 d. per yard, worth 5 s. 6 d.; 20 pieces of very rich black double taffeties for ladies gowns, which will be sold very low, 400 yards of very rich black florentine satin for gentlemen's waistcoats and breeches, as low as 8 s. per yard, worth 12 s. and many other articles too tedious to mention. Part of which have lately been seized and taken from Smugglers, and have lately been purchased out of different Custom-Houses, and are now selling off by retail, cheaper by 20 per cent. than ever sold here before, and many 30 per cent.; and are now selling in a large room, at the Edinburgh Intelligence Office, Milne's Square, opposite the Tron Church, Edinburgh.

The Proprietor hopes the Ladies and Gentlemen will take the earliest opportunity of supplying themselves, as his stay will be but a short time.

Five hundred yards of superfine India Dimity, for gentlemen's waistcoats, as low as 3 s. 6 d. the waistcoat—500 yards of rich Black Florentine Sattin for gentlemen's waistcoats and breeches, as low as 8 s. 6 d. a yard, worth 12 s.—100 pieces of real India Nankin, as low as 8 s. a piece—20 dozen of rich Tiffine Waistcoats for gentlemen, as low as 12 s. 6 d. the waistcoat, worth 11 l. 11 s. 6 d.—50 dozen of superfine Spun Silk Stockings for gentlemen, as low as 5 s. 6 d. a pair, worth 7 s. 6 d.—50 dozen of White Silk Stockings for ladies, which will be sold low—50 dozen of White Silk Stockings for gentlemen, which will be sold very low—20 dozen of coloured Silk Stockings, which will be sold very low—20 dozen of Drawing Silk Purples, of the newest patterns, as low as 2 s. 6 d. the purple worth 4 s. 6 d.—50 dozen of superfine white India Cotton Stockings for ladies, as low as 3 s. a pair, worth 4 s. 9 d.—A large quantity of superfine ditto, will be sold very low.—A large quantity of men's Cotton and Thread Stockings, which will be sold low—20 dozen of very curious open work Tambour Ruffles for gentlemen, at 5 s. 6 d. per pair—thirty pieces of superfine yard-wide corded Indian Mullin, as low as 4 s. 6 d. per yard—50 pieces of superfine striped yard and half wide India Mullins, suitable for ladies gowns or morning aprons, as low as 3 s. 6 d. a yard—30 pieces of fine yard-wide Wire Mullins, as low as 5 s. per yard—20 pieces of superfine yard and half wide ditto, as low as 5 s. 8 d. per yard—50 dozen of superfine yard-wide Wire Mullins Handkerchiefs, as low as 4 s. 6 d. each—A large quantity of five-quarters wide ditto, which will be sold low—50 dozen of fine yard-wide bordered Jaconet Muslin Handkerchiefs, as low as 1 s. 10 d. each—20 dozen of superfine ditto, as low as 2 s. 8 d. the handkerchief—10 pieces of open work Tambour Handkerchiefs, as low as 6 s. 6 d. the handkerchief, worth 10 s. 6 d.—50 dozen of very curious bordered Pulicat Handkerchiefs, suitable for ladies or gentlemen's pockets, as low as 2 s. 9 d. each, worth 4 s. 6 d.—50 dozen of Printed Shawls, as low as 3 s. 6 d. each—30 dozen of very large ditto, as low as 6 s. the shawl, worth 9 s. 6 d.—20 dozen of superfine six-quarters wide ditto, full China colours, as low as 12 s. the shawl, worth 1 l. 1 s. and from that to any price—50 pieces of fine Jaconet Mullins, of all breadths—20 pieces of sprigged, striped, and checked Mullins, of all breadths—500 yards of superfine printed Calicoes, as low as 2 s. 4 d. per yard, will be sold much under the usual prices.

NEW RAISINS, &c. JUST arrived from Malaga, in the Jenny and Peggy, Captain Archibald Young, and to be sold for ready money, a Cargo of NEW FRUITS, consisting of Sun Raisins } In casks. Lexia Raisins } Figs } Muscatelle Raisins } Bloom Raisins } Jordan Almonds } White Wine Grapes in jars. Lemons } In chests and half chests. China Oranges } A L S O.

Just arrived from Seville, in the Ann, Captain Peter Lockhart, a Cargo of China and Bitter Oranges.

Apply to John Walker and Company, Edinburgh, or to David Liddell, at their Warehouse, Kirkgate, Leith.

ALEXANDER LIVINGSTON,

Opposite Chapel of Ease, Crosscausway, Edinburgh,

HAS got to hand a large assortment of Bohea, Congou, Souchong, and Hyfon Teas, from the last reserve Sale of the India Company, commenced the 21st October.—Likewise some Chests of very high flavoured Gottenburgh Teas, well worth the attention of the Public, being of an extraordinary quality, which he sells for ready money, wholesale and retail, at as low prices as any Tea-dealer in this country.

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Bohea,	1 s. 9 d.	Pecko Sort,	6 s.
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Ditto,	3 s. 9 d.	Ditto,	5 s.
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Fruits of all kinds.			

NOTICE.

THE Creditors of the deceased JAMES DEWAR, tenant in Lindifron, and LILLIAS DEWAR his daughter, are desired to meet by themselves, or doers properly authorised, in the house of John Fowles, innkeeper in Cupar in Fife, on Wednesday the 21st current, when a state of the funds for the Creditors payment will be laid before them, and their opinion taken as to the application thereof. Not to be repeated.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE CREDITORS OF JAMES ROBERTSON AND COMPANY, late merchants in Portferry, are requested, by themselves or their doers, to meet with the Trustee on Friday the 16th December instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, for the purpose of taking under their consideration several particulars respecting the recovery, management, and disposal of the trust-estate, and fixing on the most proper mode of winding up the affairs of Mess. Robertson and Company, so as to give the least trouble to all parties who are interested, and, as far as possible, prevent any further expence on the trust-estate from being incurred.

On the 17 of December was published, THE EDINBURGH MAGAZINE, OR LITERARY MISCELLANY, FOR NOVEMBER 1785. (With a View of Alton Tower, and a Plate of Antiquities.) CONTENTS.

Register of the weather for November.—Description of the tower of Alton.—Drinkwater's account of the burning of the Spanish batteries.—Succession of the Lords of Session.—Some account of the commission of chastity at Vienna.—Peyssonnet's remarks on the Baron de Tott's memoirs.—On the perceptive power of vegetables.—Letter describing the lake of Killarney.—On Homer, translated from the French.—Deductions of the Illad.—Probability of its having been written in different ages, and that the text has been changed and mutilated.—The landlord, or man of nature.—History of Della Drama.—On certain arrangements in civil policy, &c. in a letter to the gentlemen of a northern county.—Of the eloquence of Cicero.—Biographical sketches of celebrated musicians.—Miscellaneous observations on Holland.—Original anecdotes of Peter the Great.—A remarkable incident from Savary's letters.—Life and character of the late Colonel. Hamberstone.—Account of the astounding staves of Lundy.—Proposal for securing cities from earthquakes.—Anecdotes of Leonardo da Vinci.—Bolton's account of English ferns.—Scott's critical essays on English poems.—Tour to Ermenouville.—Account of the death of Rousseau.—National prejudices overcome, or the history of Sir George O.—Poetry.—Account of the new opera called the Choleric Fathers.

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ROYAL BANK, Edinburgh, Dec. 12. 1785.

THE Court of DIRECTORS of the Royal Bank of Scotland give Notice, That the General Court of Proprietors, next the 29th ult. having declared a dividend on their Capital Stock for the half year ending Christmas next; the same will begin to be paid to the Proprietors, on Thursday the 12th day of January next, and so to continue thereafter at the usual hours of attendance at the Bank; and in order to settle the said dividend, no transfer of Stock will be made, from Monday the 26th current, to Thursday the said 12th January next, both inclusive.

ARCH HOPE, Secretary.

DUNN'S ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

By desire of several Ladies of Distinction, MISS ROSSIGNOLI, Teacher of Dancing, is to have a Ball at Dunn's Rooms, on Thursday the 15th current, where she proposes to dance a Plain Gracious Minuet, a Minuet A-la-Cour, and other A-la-Mode Dances, which she teaches at the ordinary rates—in order that the Parents of Children who intrust them to her care, may have an opportunity to judge of her way and method of dancing.

Tickets to be had at her own house in Warriston's Close, at Mess. Corrie and Sutherland, and all the other music shops, and at Dunn's Hotel, at Three Shillings each.

To begin at Seven o'Clock.

ZETLAND HOSE.

ROBERT M'GACHEN HOSE, second shop below the Flesh-market Close, has just got to hand a large assortment of ZETLAND HOSE, from Sixpence to Eight Shillings per pair.

Has likewise on hand a large and elegant assortment of Silk Hosiery, which he sells on as reasonable terms as any shop in Edinburgh.

A large stock of Worsted, Thread, and Cotton Hosiery, and every article in the Hosiery line.

Corduroys, Veletrerts, Satins, Florentines, &c. for Vests and Breeches, Welch Flannels, Hosiery and Foot Socks, Kilmarnock Caps, Gloves, and Hosiery. Also a very large and neat assortment of best English Leather Gloves. Handkerchiefs of all kinds, Silk Purples, &c.

Of An Apprentice wanted.

A HUNTER, and a MARE for a Lady, for Sale.

THE HUNTER is six years old, able to carry 14 stone up to any bounds, and a remarkable leaper.

The MARE is seven years old, and is now in the hands of the breeder, and never has done any work, except carrying a lady three years. They are both warranted sound.

They are to be seen at the Repository upon Wednesday next, from ten to two o'clock.

The price of the Hunter is Sixty Guineas, and the Mare Twenty.

The London & Edinburgh UMBRELLA WARE-ROOM.

ALEX. FYFFE has just now received from London the greatest choice and neatest assortment of Umbrellas that have been yet offered for sale here.

A L S O.

A large Assortment of his own Manufacture, of the very best kinds.

Such as apply to him by commission will be particular to mention the size and price, and he will make as good a choice for them as is present.

Repairs done on the lowest terms, and to his customers at two-thirds of the common charge.

FURNISHED HOUSE in the NEW TOWN.

TO be LET for six months, A FURNISHED HOUSE in the north-east corner of Hanover Street, entering from George's Street, consisting of a sunk story, and the story above the same, and containing nine fire-rooms, kitchen, sundry cellars, and other conveniences.

The house may be seen every forenoon; and, for further particulars, apply to Alexander Gardner, at the Exchequer.

JUDICIAL SALE, BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the New Parliament or Session House of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 15th day of December 1785, between the hours of four and six afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the Bills.

The remaining SUBJECTS which pertained to James Alcorn, watchmaker in Edinburgh, viz.

The HOUSES in Merlin's Wynd, Edinburgh, being the upper story of a tenement on the west side thereof, possessed by Gordon and Neill, printers, as a printing office, at the yearly rent of L. 8 0 0

And the Ground Story of said tenement, possessed by David Williamson poultryman, at the yearly rent of 8 0 0

L. 16 0 0

These houses are valued at nine years purchase of said rent, extending to L. 144 0 0

The articles of roup, title-deeds, and rentals of these subjects, may be seen at the office of Mr Keith Dunbar, depute clerk of Session, or George Cairncross, writer in Edinburgh, agent in the sale.

FOR ST KITT'S, THE HOPE,

JOHN BARBOUR, Master, Now taking goods on board at Greenock, and will be clear to sail by the 30th current.

For St Vincent, to call at Grenada, The KINGSTON, John Tarbert master, is now ready to take on board goods at Greenock, and will be clear to sail by the 30th current.

For Kingston and Morant Bay, Jamaica, The CASTLESMILE, Walter Buchanan master, is now loading at Greenock, and will be clear to sail by the 30th current.

For freight or passage in the above vessels, apply to Malcolm, Ritchie, and Leitch, in Greenock, or Alexander Houston and Co. in Glasgow.

Greenock, November 19.

Third Notice—Second Term.

IN the Process of Ranking and Sale, Colonel James Riddell in the service of the States of Holland, with concurrence of his Majesty's Advocate, for his Majesty's interest, against JOHN JOHNSTON of Thorne, what, and JOHN HENDERSON JOHNSTON his son, and their creditors; the Lord Swinton, Ordinary thereto, by his interlocutor, of date 25th November 1785, assigned the 20th of December next, to the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences, compete to them, against the bankrupts or their estate, and that for the Second Term, with certification as in a reduction and imputation; and appointed this notice thereof, so as the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

H. S. CALENDER, Clk.

FIRST NOTICE—FIRST TERM.

IN the process of Ranking and Sale, at the instance of John Rait of Anniston, Esq; with concurrence of his Majesty's Advocate, against WILLIAM GRAY, only son of the deceased John Gray of Balledgarno, and his Creditors, the Lord Braxfield, Ordinary, by interlocutor, dated the 7th of December 1785, nominated Lord Hailes of court to be Ordinary to the Ranking of the said Creditors, and assigned the 20th day of January next, to the whole Creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them respectively, against the bankrupt or his estate; and that for the First Term; with certification, as in a reduction and imputation. And ordained notice thereof to be inserted in the Caledonian Mercury and Edinburgh Evening Courant, once every week for three weeks successively, immediately after the date of said interlocutor, to the end it may come to the knowledge of all parties concerned.

R. C. ROSS, Clerk.

ARGYLESHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public roup in the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 14th December next, between the hours of four and five.

LOT I. The Two-merk Land of BEACHAR, the Four-merk Land of BEACHMEANACH, ACHACHAR, the Two-merk Land of CLACHAIG, with the Mill thereof, all lying within the parish of Kilmear, Lordship of Kintyre, and shire of Argyle, extending to 1831. 8 d. Sterling of yearly free rent. The high road from Inverary to Campbeltown passes through these lands. They hold of the Crown, and give two qualifications to vote for a member of Parliament. Upset price to be 4000l.

LOT II. The Lands of ACHACHAR and GARVACHY, lying in the parish of Campbeltown and shire of Argyle. These lands consist of about 293 acres, mostly arable, lie within a mile of a lime quarry, at the same distance from the colliery at Drummond, and within three miles of the burgh of Campbeltown, and extend to 1031. 15. 5d. free rent. Upset price to be 1840l.

LOT III. The commodious and pleasantly-situated HOUSE in the Kirk-street of Campbeltown, possessed by Provost Farquharson, consisting of four fire-rooms, dining room, and drawing room, with two large garrets, kitchen, cellar, and pantry, with the out-houses and court adjoining. Upset price to be 200l.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, rentals, and current leases, are to be seen in the hands of James Ferrier writer to the signet, Edinburgh; and copies of the articles of roup are lodged with Archibald Campbell writer in Campbeltown, to either of whom such as intend to purchase may apply for further particulars.

Judicial Sale of Lands in the county of Dumfries.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Thursday the 15th day of December 1785, betwixt the hours of five and seven o'clock in the afternoon.

The LANDS after mentioned, which belonged to John Dobie of Tundergarth.

LOT I. The Lands of TUNDERGARTH, HAZLEBERRY, HAYHILL, and a fourth part of the WESTWOOD BANK, lying in the parish of Tundergarth, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rent of these lands, after all deductions, is 91 l. 2 s. 3 d.

And the proven value, at twenty-three years purchase, is L. 2095 11 9

The lands are valued, and, after deduction of the minister's stipend, the free teind is 5 l. 6 s. 5 d. and the privilege of purchasing the same is valued at five years purchase, or

26 12 1

These lands are held feu of the Viscount of Stormont, for payment of 9 l. 8 s. 10 d. Sterling of yearly feu-duty; but though the whole amount of these feu-duties is deducted from the proven rent, the purchaser will be entitled to relief of a proportion thereof, falling on the lands of Westwood, now belonging to John Paxton, Esq. This proportion will be about 4 l. Sterling, but has not yet been divided from the cumulo feu-duty. The tacks of Tundergarth and Hazleberry expire at Candlemas and Whitunday 1787, and Hayhill is possessed from year to year.

Although the teinds of the above lands are valued and deducted from the proven rent, yet there is every reason to believe that they are not liable for any teind. In a process of spuilzie of teinds, at the instance of Lord Stormont, the superior and titular, the heritors of Tundergarth were absolved by repeated decisions of the Court of Session, but the decret absolutor has never been extracted.

LOT II. The Lands of CATLINS, and pertinents, lying in the parish of Drydale and shire of Dumfries. The proven rental of these lands, after all deductions, is 48 l. 5 s. 5 d. 8-12ths.

And the proven value, at twenty-three years purchase of the free rent, amounts to

L. 1110 5 10 4-12ths

The teinds are valued at 6 l. 10 s. yearly, from which no stipend falls to be deducted, as the same is paid by the superior. The privilege of purchasing the teinds being valued at five years purchase, amounts to

32 10 0

Upset price of Lot II. L. 1142 15 10 4-12ths

These lands hold feu of the Viscount of Stormont for payment of 10 l. 7 s. 6 d. 4-12ths Sterling of yearly feu-duty. They are at present set in tack at 60 l. yearly, besides 60 bushels of lime, and three days leading of peats. The tack expires at Candlemas and Whitunday 1789.

The articles of roup and title-deeds are to be seen in the office of Mr Alexander Stevenson, depute-clerk of Session; and persons wanting further information, may apply to Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh, agent in the sale, John Aiken junior writer in Dumfries, the factor, or to Mungo Dobie writer in Lockerby.

FOR JAMAICA,



The Ship MINERVA, ROBERT SPIERS Master, now lying at Port Glasgow, ready to take goods on board for Kingston, Morant Bay, and Port Morant, will be clear to sail by the 25th day of December next.

And the MERCURY, HANNIBAL LUKS Master, lying at Greenock, ready to take goods on board for Port Antonio, Annotto Bay, and Port Maria, will be clear to sail by the 25th day of January next.

For freight or passage apply to Robert McKay, Glasgow.

FOR HALIFAX,



THE BRIG MARY,

(Burden about 160 Tons)

Will be ready to take on board goods at Greenock by the 1st of January, and will be clear to sail by the 10th of February next.

The Mary is a fine fast-sailing vessel, and has excellent accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage apply to Alexander Warrand, Glasgow, or Morrison and Company, Greenock.

Morrison and Company have for sale a cargo of American Timber, consisting of oak, elm, beech, black birch, rock maple, a quantity of elm keel pieces, and masts from 15 to 20 inches thick; likewise a cargo of exceeding fine Newfoundland Coal Oil.

ATTORNEY TAX.

A General Convention of Solicitors.

THE Solicitors practising before the Sheriff Courts of Perth, Forfar, Fife, Berwickshire, Dumfries, Renfrew, Dumbarton, Ayr, Wigton, &c. and before the Courts of Dundee, Montrose, Dunfermline, &c. do hereby give notice to their brethren in Scotland, that they are to meet by delegates, upon the 23d of December current, in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at twelve o'clock mid-day, to consider the propriety of applying to Parliament for a repeal or modification of the law passed last session, taxing Solicitors, &c. And they earnestly request their brethren of the other Courts also to send delegates to the meeting that day.

A House, Office-houses, and Lands at Dalkeith FOR SALE.

TO be SOLD, by private bargain, that large, commodious DWELLING HOUSE, Offices, Garden, and Pleasure Ground, all inclosed, lying on the south side of the town of Dalkeith, belonging to William Hisslop merchant there. The said House commands a beautiful and extensive view of the adjacent country, and consists of three storeys of three rooms each, including parlour, dining room, and kitchen, besides two garret rooms for servants.

Also, about twenty-three Acres of rich arable LAND, lying run-rig in the west fields of Dalkeith, adjoining to the estates of Melville and Viewfield.

For particulars, enquire at Thomas Duncan writer, President's Stairs, Edinburgh; or George Hisslop merchant in Dalkeith, who will show the subjects.

Sale of Lands in Dumfries-shire.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 14th of December 1785, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon.

The LANDS OF HOTTS, BETWIXT-THE-WATERS, FOULTOWN and others, with the pertinents, which belonged to the deceased Dr George Bell, lying in the parish of Middlebie, stewartry of Annandale, and shire of Dumfries, in the following Lots:

LOT I. The Lands of Betwixt-the-Waters, as presently possessed by Mrs Bell and Andrew Little; and the Lands of Foultown, as presently possessed by Richard Irving, at the upset-price of L. 2000 0 0

This Lot includes a considerable quantity of valuable old timber, estimated by skilful persons to be worth upwards of 300 l. besides several thriving young plantations. The mansion-house, garden, and orchard, are also situated on this Lot. The whole will be out of lease at Candlemas and Whitunday next, when the purchaser may enter to the natural possession, if he thinks proper. The lands will let for upwards of 80 l. of yearly rent, on a 15 years lease.

LOT II. The Lands of Hotts, as presently possessed by Christopher Smith and John Lawson, at the upset-price of L. 1050 0 0

The tack of these lands expires at Candlemas 1788; the present yearly rent is 45 l. 8 s. 3 d. besides casualties. The late Mr Bell paid 1300 l. for them, about 12 years ago, and they have since been considerably improved.

LOT III. The Lands of Whitelees, as presently possessed by William Rae, at the upset-price of L. 450 0 0

LOT IV. The Lands of Gilmartin, presently possessed by William Little, at the like upset-price of L. 450 0 0

The tacks of these two farms are current for four years after Candlemas and Whitunday next, at the yearly rent of 17 l. 10 s. each, besides casualties. As they are capable of great improvement, a considerable rise of rent may be expected on the expiry of the leases. The crops on these lands, and on the whole estate, have been, for these many years past, uncommonly good, and the tenants are very thriving; the situation of the lands, being in every respect convenient, both for procuring the means of improvement and disposing of the produce.

The whole estate is held of a subject-superior for payment of a trifling feu-duty, and the tenants pay all public burdens, except the stipend, which is 3 l. 4 s. 7 d. yearly.

The articles of roup, progress of writs, searches of encumbrances, and rental, are to be seen in the hands of Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh. The tacks and plans of the estate are lodged with Mr George Richardson of Pearbyhall, who will show the lands; and copies of the articles and rental with Mr James Graham writer in Dumfries; to any of whom persons wanting further information may apply.

Offers for a private sale of the whole estate will be received any time before the day of roup.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 21st of December next, betwixt the hours of five and seven afternoon.

The remaining parts of the Estate of ORANGEFIELD, PRESTICKSHAW, &c. lying within the parishes of Monkton and St Quivox, and shire of Ayr, in the following Lots.

LOT I. The Barony of PRESTICKSHAW, and Farms of SHIELDS and SANDYFORD, the free rent whereof is 505 l. 1 s. 6 d. 2-3ds. The whole of this lot holds of subjects superior. The feu-duties are deducted from the rental.

The teinds of Shields are valued, and wholly exhausted by theft ipend paid to the minister.

On this lot there is also a commodious mansion-house, consisting of ten fire-rooms, neatly finished and in good order, with offices, all built within these few years, to which the purchaser may enter immediately, with a considerable part of the lands now out of tack.

There are extensive and thriving plantations also upon this lot, which are not included in the above rent.

The upset price will be 12,500 l. Sterling.

LOT II. The Barony of ORANGEFIELD, (exclusive of those parts thereof already sold, and of the farm of Brockit), the free rent whereof, with certain feu-duties payable out of different possessions lying about the town of Monkton, is 644 l. 13 s. 11 d. Sterling. The Lands hold of the Crown; and, from valuation, afford a freehold qualification. The proprietor has right to the teinds.

On this lot there is a substantial and commodious mansion-house, a complete set of offices, and an excellent garden.

Coal has been found in different parts of the lands. The plantations are extensive and thriving, and not included in the above mentioned rent.

The upset price will be 18,500 l. Sterling.

The whole estate is of a very rich and fertile soil, pleasantly situated near the sea coast, within three miles of Ayr, and nine miles of Irvine and Kilmarnock, to all which places there is easy communication by good turnpike roads.

The articles of roup and progress of writs will be seen by applying to Thomas Adair, clerk to the signet; and copies of the articles, and of the inventories of the progress are lodged with Charles Shaw writer in Ayr.

The lands will be shown by John Murdoch writer in Ayr, after upon the estate, or the proprietor at Orangefield.

FOR JAMAICA,

THE EUPHRATES,

JOHN CAMPBELL Master;

Will certainly be clear to sail by the 20th December, and will touch at Port Maria, Montague Bay, Lucea, Savannah-la-Mar, and Black River.

AND,

THE ELIZABETH,

JOHN FISH Master,

Will be clear to sail by the 20th January, and will deliver goods at Montague Bay, Lucea, and Green Island.

The Euphrates and Elizabeth, are both British built vessels, and particularly fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, each vessel having a large cabin, and several state rooms.

For passage in the Euphrates, and freight or passage in the Elizabeth, apply to Semervell, Gordon, and Co. Glasgow, or the masters at Greenock.

Glasgow, November 25. 1785.

Excise Duties on Male Servants and Carriages.

Excise Office, Edinburgh, 6th December 1785.

WHEREAS by two several acts of the last session of Parliament, the one entitled, "An act to repeal the duties on Male Servants," and for granting new duties on Male and Female Servants; and the other, "An act for transferring the receipt and management of certain duties therein mentioned from the Commissioners of Excise, and the Commissioners of Stamps respectively, to the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes; and also for making further provisions in respect to the said duties so transferred;" it is provided, That all persons having paid the Excise Duties on Male Servants and Carriages, the entries and payment of duty for which shall expire after the 5th of July last, shall be repaid certain proportions of the said duties, according to rules therein prescribed;—THE COMMISSIONERS OF EXCISE do therefore give notice, That all persons having actually paid Duty for Male Servants and Carriages for one year, expiring after the 5th of July last, either at the Chief Office of Excise in Edinburgh, or at any other Office of Excise in the country, upon application at the Excise Office in Edinburgh, if the duty was paid there, or to the Collector of Excise to whom they did so pay such duty in the country, and producing a receipt or certificate of the proper Collector, shewing that they have duly paid one quarter of the first assessment, directed to be made by the said act of the last session of Parliament, will be repaid such proportions of the said duties respectively as they shall be entitled to under the said acts, so as to prevent a double payment of the said duties for the same period.

And whereas many persons do now stand in arrears at the Excise Office for the Duties of their Male Servants and Carriages, which ought to have been paid preceding the 5th day of July last, Notice is hereby given, That it will be necessary for every person whose entry and payment of Duty for his or her Male Servants or Carriages ought to have been made or renewed for a year from the 21st of May last, or prior to the 5th day of July last, to pay at the next Office of Excise, as soon as may be, the full year's Excise Duty for such Male Servants or Carriages, from the respective periods of their proper commencement, or the expiration of their last entry and payment; and that all such persons will afterwards, upon application at the Excise Office in Edinburgh, if the duty shall be paid there, or to the Collector of Excise to whom it shall be paid in the country, and producing the receipt or certificate of the proper Collector, shewing that they have duly paid one quarter of the first assessment directed to be made by the before-mentioned acts of Parliament, be repaid such a proportion of the annual duty so paid at the Excise Office, or to the Collector of Excise, as is necessary to prevent a double payment for the same period; the repayment for Carriages being calculated to a day, but that for Male Servants being directed to be made for nothing less than a full quarter.

It is requested, that all concerned will duly attend to, and give immediate compliance with this advertisement, otherwise the Commissioners of Excise will be under the disagreeable necessity of directing prosecutions to be commenced against all persons who shall neglect or refuse to make or renew their entries, and pay the annual Excise Duty for Male Servants or Carriages, incurred prior to the 5th of July last.

Every person claiming re-payment in the manner herein before directed, must produce an Affidavit receipt, filled up with his or her Christian name and surname, and place of abode, so as to identify the persons in By Order of the Commissioners,

JOHN THOMSON, Secretary.

TO be SOLD by public roup for an annual feu-duty, and no purchase money, within the house of John Baldon (fabler in Leith, on Friday the 23d day of December 1785, at five o'clock afternoon.

That House and Stabling, Hay-Loft, Close, and Area belonging to King James's Hospital in Leith, lying at the head of Quality Street in South Leith, as presently possessed by the said John Baldon and his subtenants. The front to the street consists of about one hundred and fifty feet, and is very proper for building on, being a central part of the town of Leith, and has plenty of water within the close.

The subjects are insured in the Friendly Insurance Office on the old plan, and the premium paid up, and the fever to have right thereto.

The conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of the town clerk of Leith, and James Young Treasurer to the Hospital, will inform as to particulars, and show the subjects.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN LANARKSHIRE,

At the Instance of the Apparent Heir.

TO be SOLD, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 15th day of December next, between three and five afternoon.

The Lands of NETHERFIELD, and Middle and West LINBANK, which belonged to the deceased James Young, Esq; of Netherfield. Also, 5 l. 15 s. 10 d. Sterling of Feu-Duties, payable out of certain houses and yards in and about the town of Strathaven, which subjects all lie within the parish of Strathaven, and shire of Lanark.

The proven rental of the lands, including the forefald feu-duties, after all deductions, is 235 l. 2 s. 3 d. 10-12ths Sterling; and the proven value at 20 years purchase, is 4702 l. 6 s. 4 d. 8-12ths Sterling, at which sum the subjects will be exposed.

The lands hold feu of his Grace the Duke of Hamilton, for payment of 19 s. 9 d. 4-12ths, 1 hen or 6 d. 8-12ths, and 1 upon or 10 d. making in all 1 l. 2 s. 2 d. Sterling; and 9 s. 9 d. 6-12ths Sterling of school-master's salary.

The teinds are valued at 22 l. 3 s. 6 d. 8-12ths Sterling, and a process of sale thereof is now depending; but for the encouragement of purchasers, the whole valued teind is deducted from the rental, which increases the value of the lands.

There is a modern and commodious mansion-house and offices on the lands of Netherfield, pleasantly situated on the water of Aven, within a mile of the town of Strathaven, six of Hamilton, and twelve of Glasgow. The lands of Netherfield are fully inclosed and subdivided, the planting is extensive, and in a thriving condition; and as the leases of the lands of Linbank are expired, the purchaser will have immediate access to these lands, and will be entitled to the rents payable by the tenants of the other parts of the estate from Martinmas next, the house, offices, and garden of Netherfield excepted, which are licensed by Mrs Young. The lands are burdened with an annuity to her of 200 l. Sterling per annum during her life, payable half yearly; the purchaser will therefore be allowed to retain 4000 l. Sterling of the price to answer that annuity.

The title-deeds, and articles of sale, may be seen in the hands of Mr John Callender, depute-clerk of session, or of James Marshall, writer to the signet, of whom farther particulars may be had.

Sale of Lands in Kirkcudbright.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 3d of March 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

THE LANDS and ESTATE of BARMAGACHEN, lying in the parish of Borge and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The present free rent of these lands is about 360 l. besides kains and casualties, of which, however, about 12 l. is liberated by a person of considerable age. The upset price to be 1600 l. which is only about eighteen years purchase of the present rental. Great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaser's hands. The teinds are valued.

The lands hold of the Crown, and give two freehold qualifications upon the old extent. There is a good mansion-house upon the premises, with offices of all kinds, and a large garden well stocked with fruit trees. The estate consists of exceeding fine land, well situated for improvement, and a great part is already improved. The farm houses are very sufficient.

There is a good deal of wood about the mansion-house, upon which no value is put, and the mansion-house stands in a most delightful situation, about a mile from and in view of the sea, and within three miles of the great military road leading from Carlisle by Dumfries to Portpatrick.

For further particulars apply to Mr William Keith accountant, or John Tait junior, writer to the signet, Edinburgh; or Matthew Buchanan or John Smith, writers in Kirkcudbright. Mr Patterson of Dunlop, in the neighbourhood, will shew the lands, and Mr Keith has power to sell by private bargain. A plan of the lands may be seen in the hands of Mr Tait.